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Dear Les:

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We have received an Official Action in the above case which requires reply not later than September 4, 1978. You will note that the Examiner considers the claims 1 and 3 as allowable. We enclose a copy of those claims. Please let us know if these are acceptable, or would you prefer to argue for broader claims coverage. It would be helpful if we could have your instructions not later than August 1, 1978.

Very truly yours,

George J. Brandt, Jr.

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